



Read it yourself with Ladybird

# Sly Fox and Red Hen



Level  
**2**









# Note to parents, carers and teachers

*Read it yourself* is a series of modern stories, favourite characters and traditional tales written in a simple way for children who are learning to read. The books can be read independently or as part of a guided reading session.

Each book is carefully structured to include many high-frequency words vital for first reading. The sentences on each page are supported closely by pictures to help with understanding, and to offer lively details to talk about.

The books are graded into four levels that progressively introduce wider vocabulary and longer stories as a reader's ability and confidence grows.

## Ideas for use

- Begin by looking through the book and talking about the pictures. Has your child heard this story before?
- Help your child with any words he does not know, either by helping him to sound them out or supplying them yourself.
- Developing readers can be concentrating so hard on the words that they sometimes don't fully grasp the meaning of what they're reading. Answering the puzzle questions on pages 30 and 31 will help with understanding.

For more information and advice on *Read it yourself* and book banding, visit [www.ladybird.com/readityourself](http://www.ladybird.com/readityourself)

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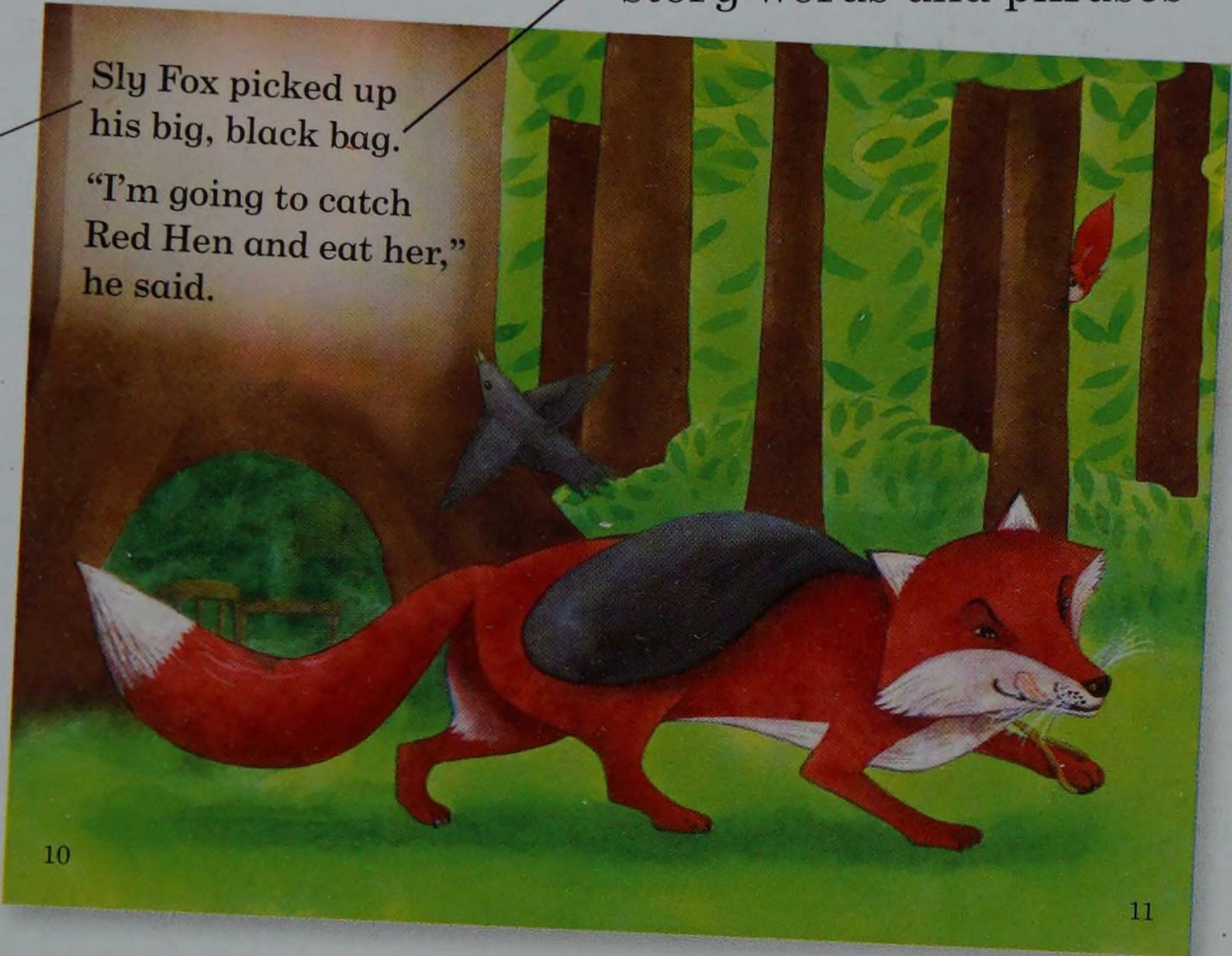


Level 2 is ideal for children who have received some reading instruction and can read short, simple sentences with help.

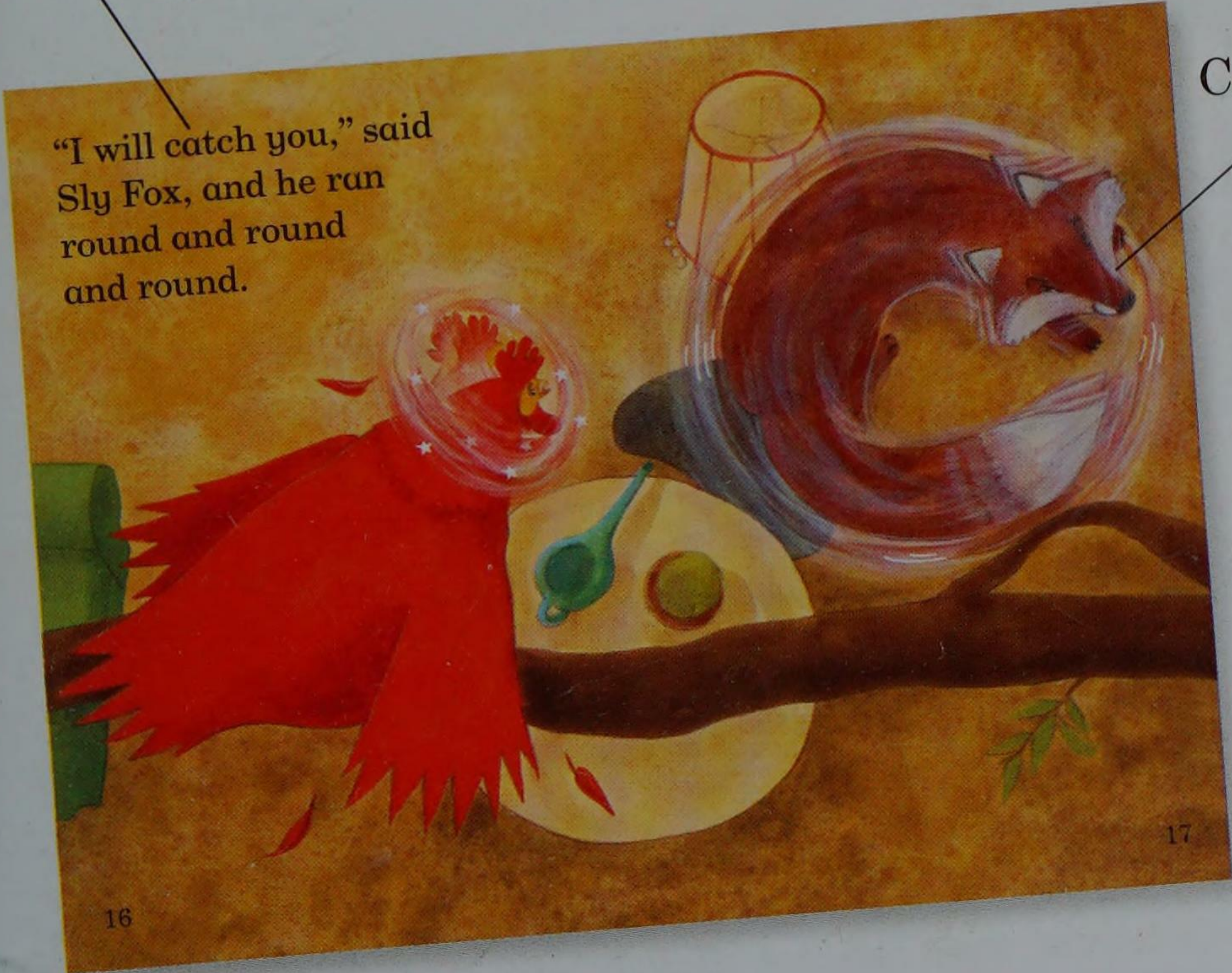
Special features:

Short, simple sentences

Frequent repetition of main story words and phrases



Large, clear type



Careful match between story and pictures



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# Sly Fox and Red Hen



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Red Hen lived in a  
little house in a tree.









Sly Fox lived in the wood.  
And he was hungry.









Sly Fox picked up  
his big, black bag.

“I’m going to catch  
Red Hen and eat her,”  
he said.









Sly Fox hid in Red  
Hen's little house.

“I’m the fox, I’m the  
fox, I’m really sly. You  
can’t beat me, however  
you try!” said Sly Fox.









Red Hen saw Sly Fox and  
jumped up out of his way.

“You’re the fox, you’re  
the fox, you’re really sly.  
But you won’t catch me,  
however you try!”  
said Red Hen.









“I will catch you,” said  
Sly Fox, and he ran  
round and round  
and round.









Red Hen's head went  
round and round, too.  
She fell down into  
Sly Fox's big, black bag.









Sly Fox ran into the wood.  
The big, black bag was  
heavy and Sly Fox sat  
down to rest. Then he  
fell asleep.









Red Hen jumped out of  
the bag.

“You’re the fox, you’re  
the fox, you’re really sly.  
But you won’t catch me,  
however you try!” said  
Red Hen.









Red Hen put some  
heavy stones in the bag.  
Then she ran all the  
way home.









Sly Fox tipped the bag  
into the cooking pot.

“I’m the fox, I’m the fox,  
I’m really sly. I will eat  
you. Say goodbye!”









The stones fell SPLASH!  
into the cooking pot.

“Oh no!” said Sly Fox.

“I did not catch Red Hen!”









How much do you remember about the story of Sly Fox and Red Hen? Answer these questions and find out!

- Where does Red Hen live?
- Where does Sly Fox live?
- How does Sly Fox catch Red Hen?
- What does Red Hen put in the bag?





Look at the pictures and match them  
to the story words.

Red Hen

Sly Fox

stones

bag

wood



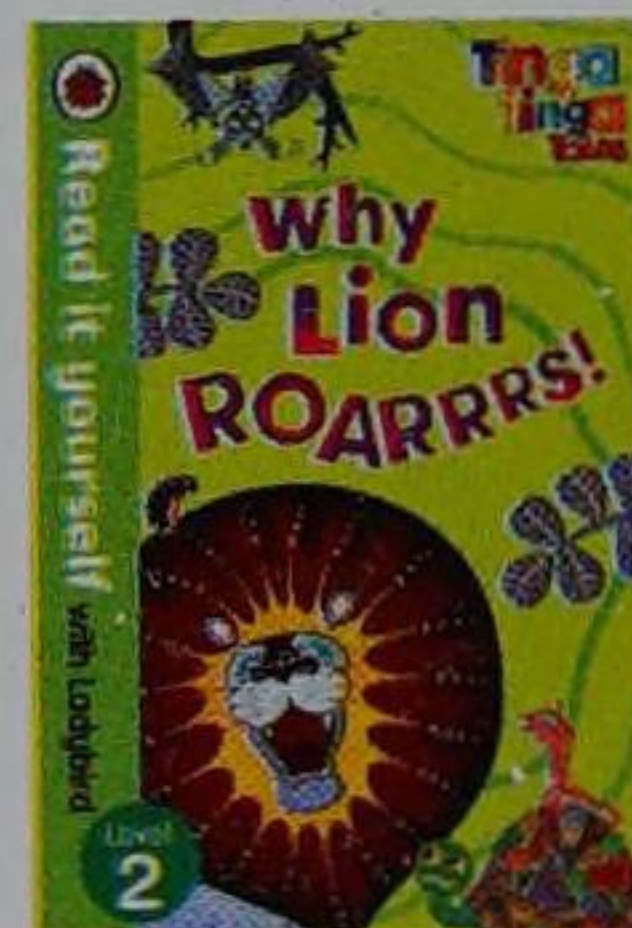
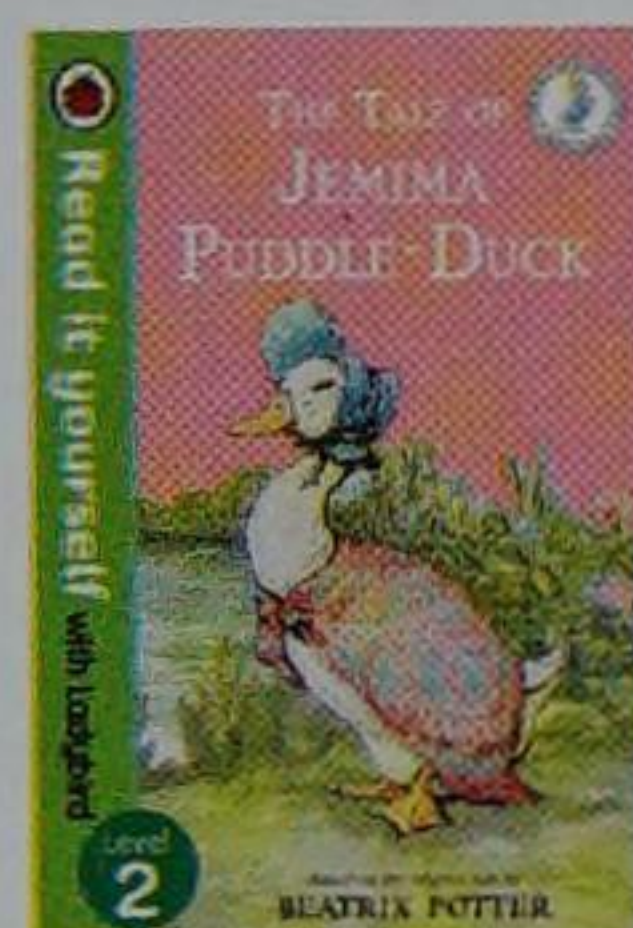
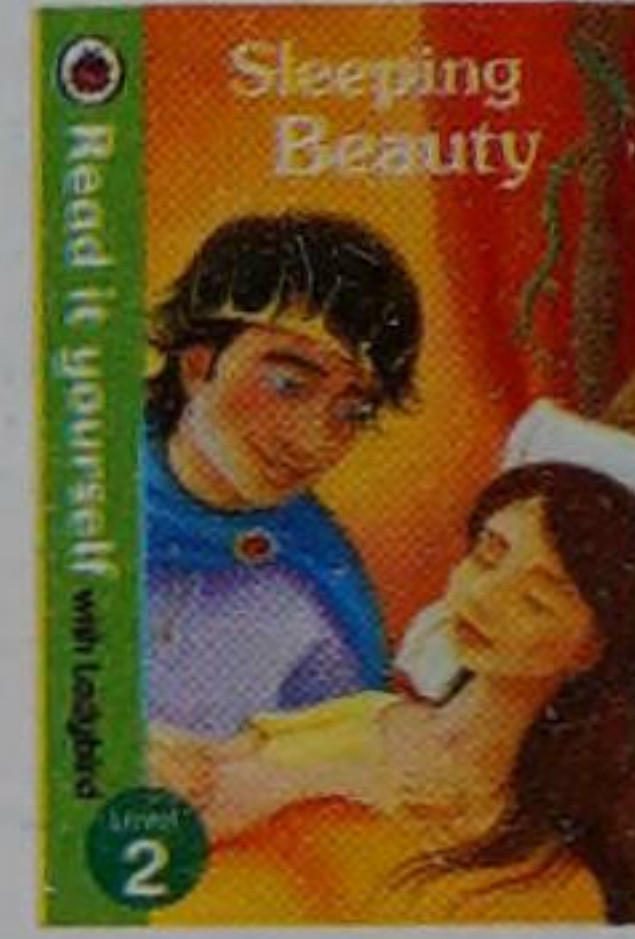
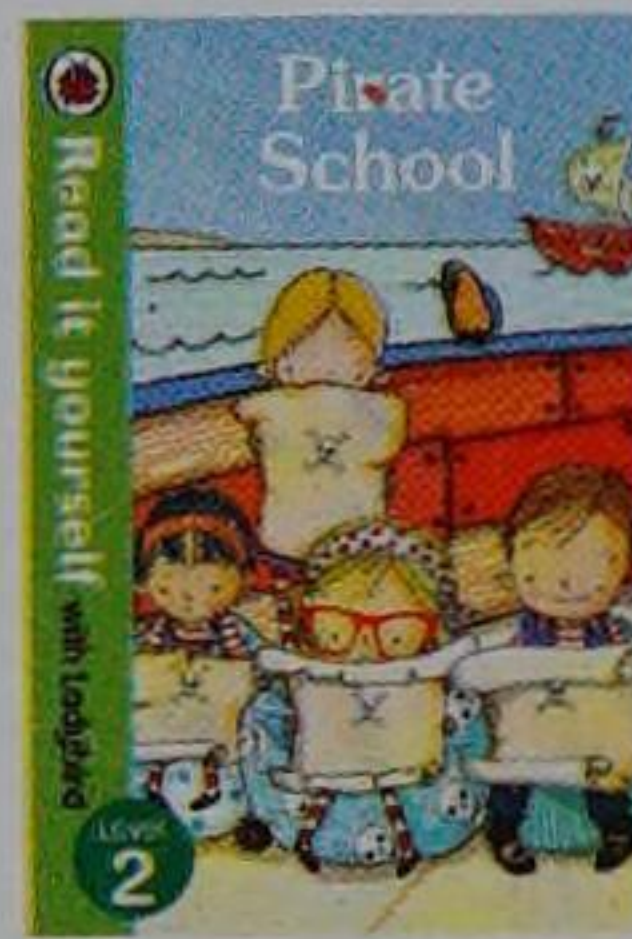
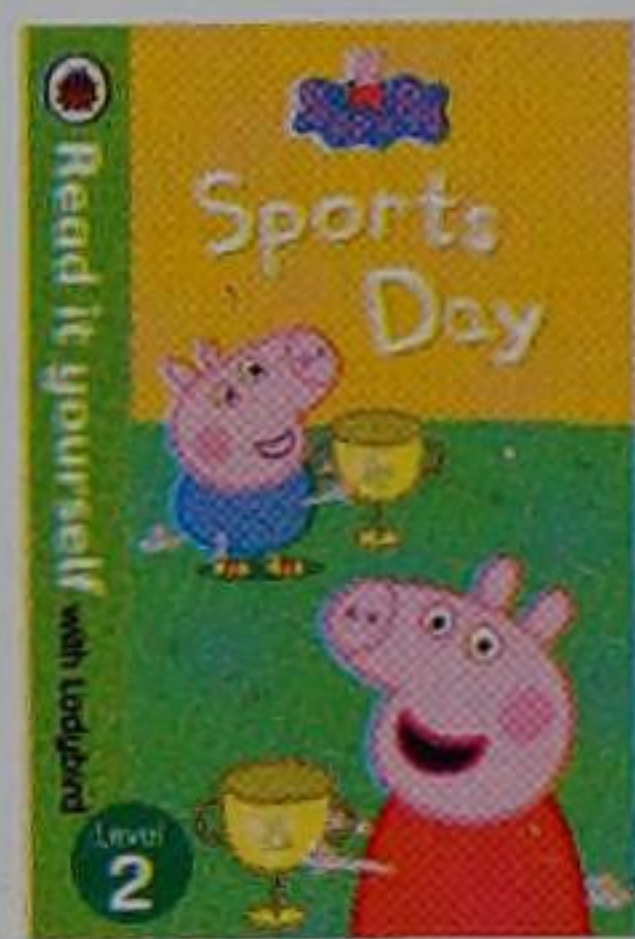
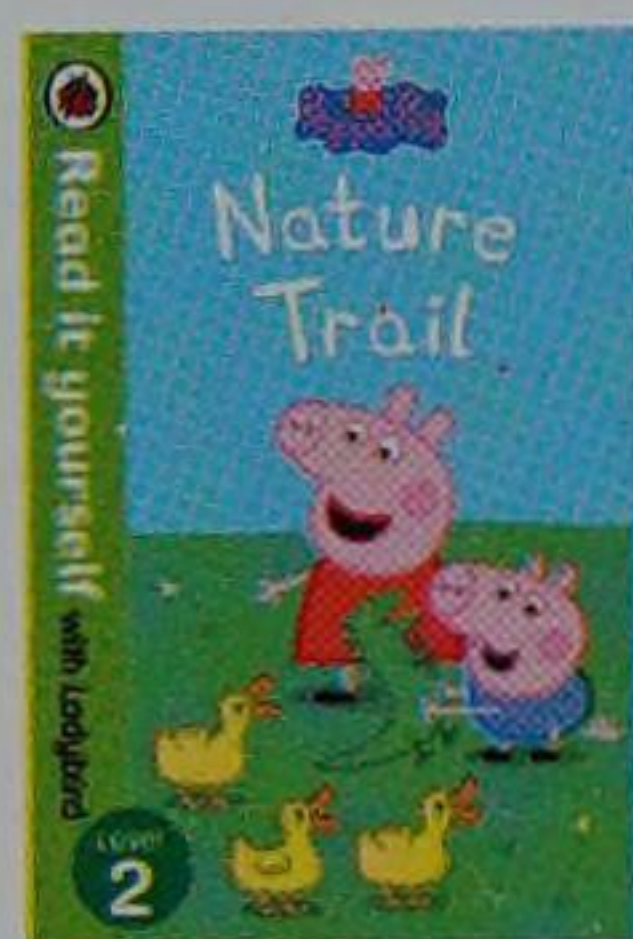
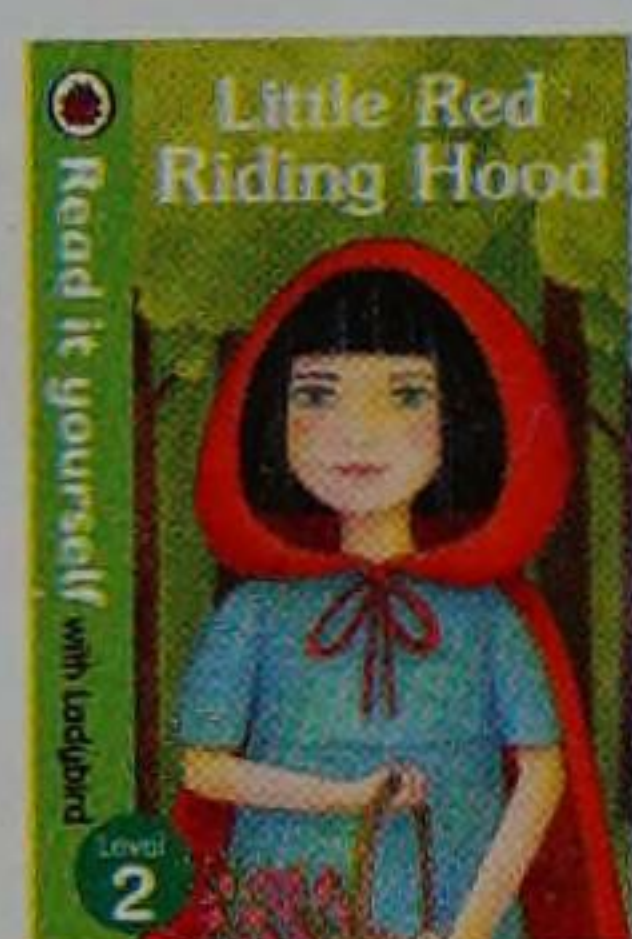


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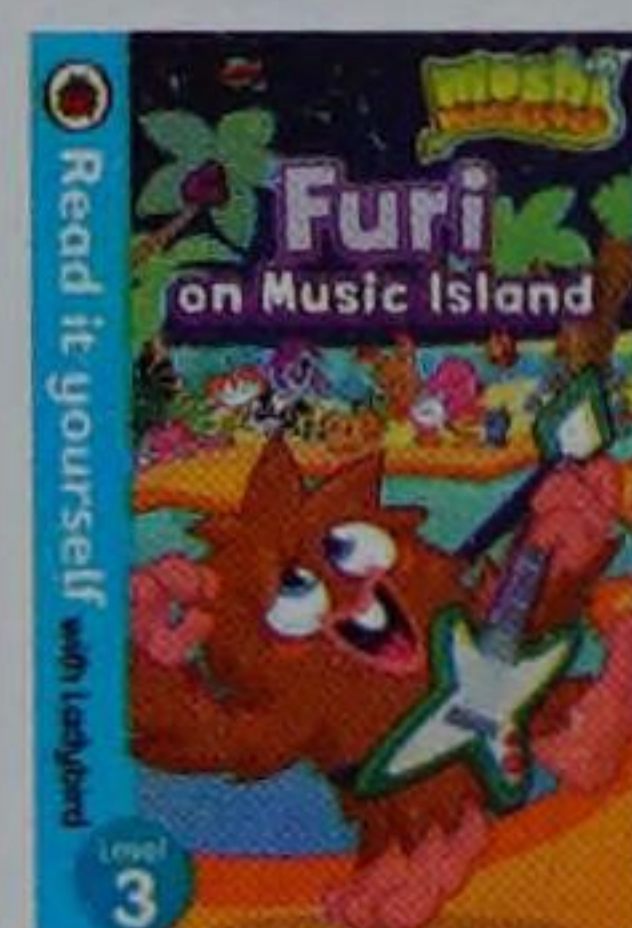
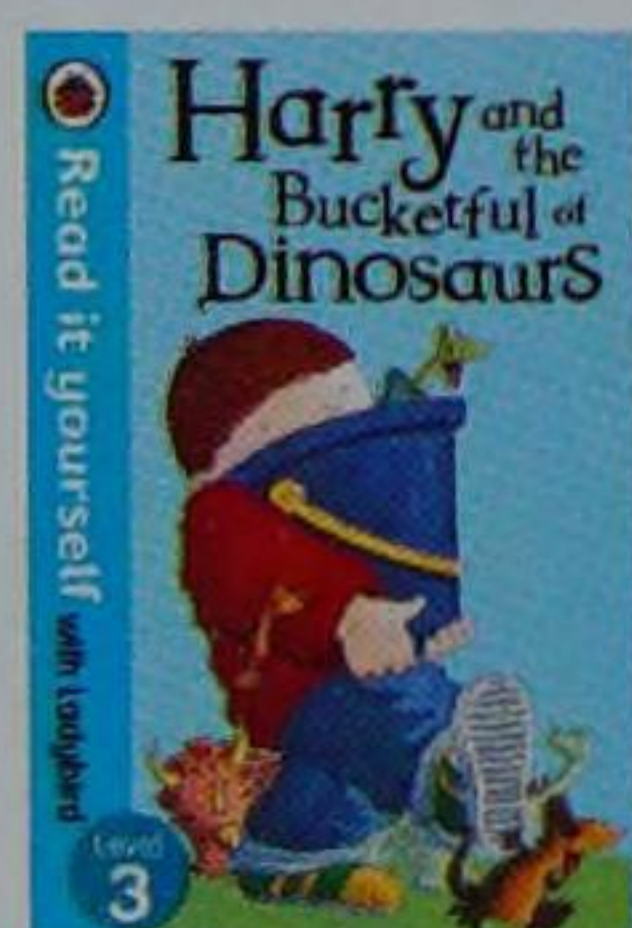
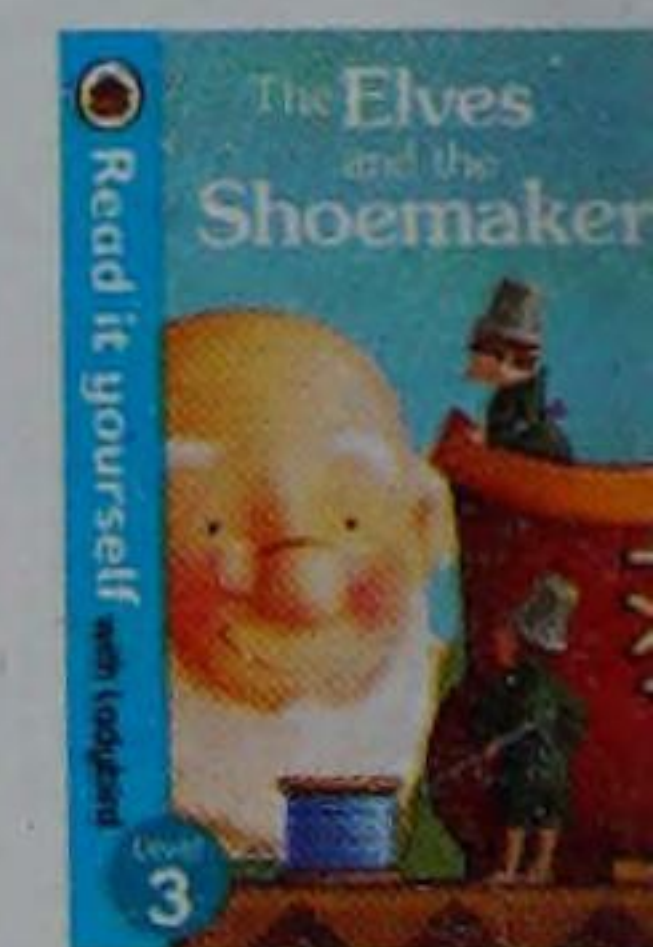
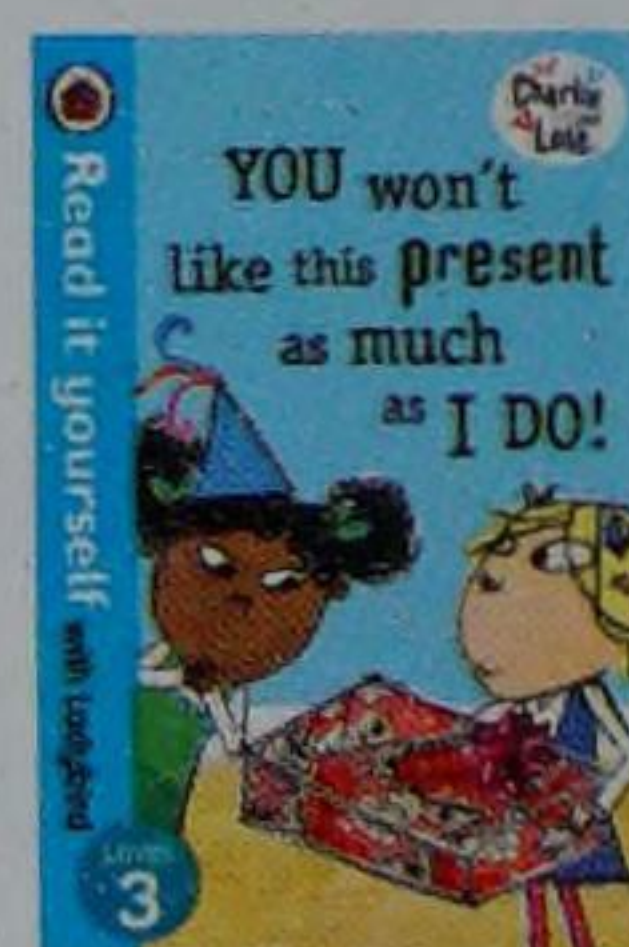
For beginner readers who can read short, simple sentences with help.

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For more confident readers who can read simple stories with help.

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# Read it yourself with Ladybird

Sly Fox wants to catch Red Hen and eat her. Can clever Red Hen stay one step ahead of him, or is she destined for the cooking pot?

Read it yourself is a series of character stories and traditional tales, written in a simple way for children who are learning to read.

## Level 1

For children who are ready to take their first steps in reading.

For beginner readers who can read short, simple sentences with help.

## Level 2

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## Level 3

For more confident readers who can read simple stories with help.

## Level 4

Longer stories for more independent, fluent readers.

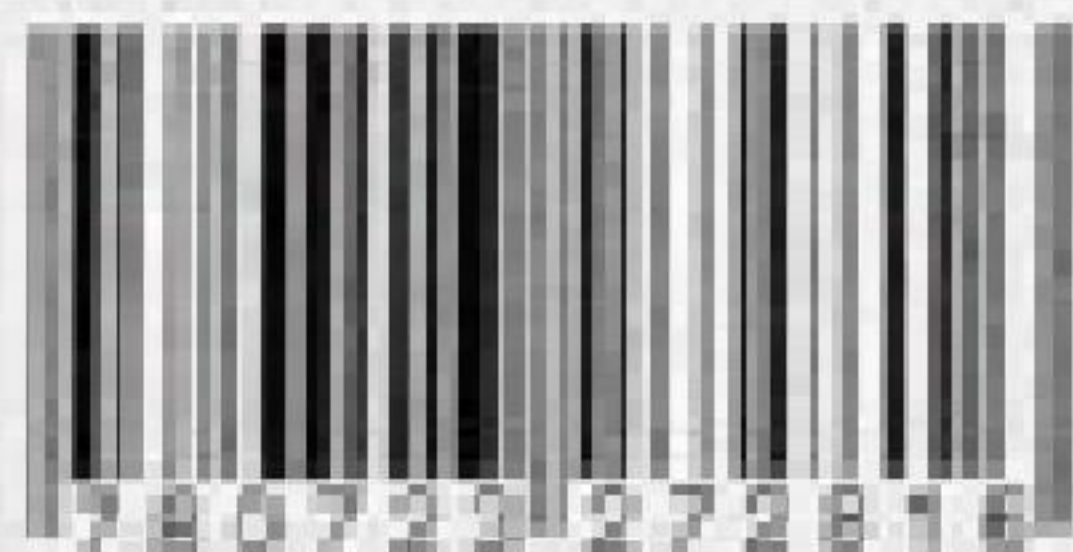
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